

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Tae-ahn Jahng Confirmation No.: 4949  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FLEXIBLE FIXATION OF A SPINE

**AMENDMENT TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

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Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated February 2, 2010, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Amendment

*Proper Condition for Allowance – The Examiner is thanked for allowing claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23 and 39. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 24 and dependent claims 25, 27, 31 and 32 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicant further submits that dependent claims 33-38 have been amended to depend from allowed independent claim 15. As such, the present application is believed to be in proper condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all remaining rejections and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.*